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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE

1. COUNSELOR OF GERMAN EMBASSY SPALCKE CALLED ON DAY
(EUR/GRK) JUNE 21 TO CONVEY FOLLOWING: GERMAN AMBASSADOR
ATHENS AND ANKARA HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO INFORM GOG AND GOT, RESPECTIVELY, THAT FRG
VIEWS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES "WITH GREAT
CONCERN" AND THAT, "WITHOUT TAKING SIDES" ON ISSUES, IT
HOPES BOTH GOVERNMENTS WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
FIND A SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

2. SPALCKE ALSO PROVIDED FROM GERMAN EMBASSY ATHENS
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FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) REPORT

OF JUNE 10 REGARDING GOG PLAN TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 MILES. ACCORDING TO LONDON TIMES CORRESPONDENT (PRESUMABLY MARIO MODIANO), BASIS OF ANA REPORT WAS PASSING REFERENCE TO THIS ISSUE BY FOREIGN MINISTER TETENES DURING JUNE 8 PRESS BRIEFING. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, TETENES REPORTEDLY INDICATED GOG WAS CONSIDERING EXTENSION TO 12 MILES. ANA GAVE EXAGGERATED IMPORTANCE TO TETENES' REMARKS AND MADE IT APPEAR DECISION ON EXTENSION WAS IMMINENT. ACCORDING

TO GERMAN EMBASSY ATHENS, TETENES HAS SINCE BEEN IN THE UNPLEASANT POSITION OF HAVING TO INFORM ALL AMBASSADORS WHO HAVE APPROACHED HIM ON THIS SUBJECT THAT GOG HAS NO INTENTION OF EXTENDING ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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